

a call for more troops in the Civil War, and McFarland responded along with a number of academy teachers. McFarland served at Chancellorsville and was injured at Gettysburg.

The academy became a home for the orphans of deceased soldiers and sailors and continued until 1899. The site remains a historic place for the town.

This celebration honors a community, and I congratulate the townsfolk for commemorating their history and building their future.

SITE SELECTION MAGAZINE AWARDS

(Mr. BOCCIERI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BOCCIERI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of two great cities of Wooster and Medina in Ohio who are working hard to bring jobs to my northeastern Ohio district.

The national Site Selection magazine recently announced its annual rankings of States with the most business friendly atmosphere. This year, the city of Wooster finished second in the country among cities between 10,000 and 50,000 people for attracting business development.

The magazine also highlighted efforts of the Sandridge Food Corporation in Medina to create jobs through a recent \$6.2 million expansion for machinery and equipment, as well as to make additions and expansions to their building. That effort is expected to create between 50 and nearly 330 jobs.

The honors speak to the ingenuity of both cities and their commitment to growth in tough economic times.

I commend the efforts of Wooster Mayor Bob Breneman and Mayor Dennis Hanwell in Medina for their efforts to bring jobs to our district. The teamwork of local elected officials, local leaders, and employers paved the way for economic growth and job creation.

These are not easy times, but this news proves that the American spirit is alive and well in Ohio. With the right plan, leadership, and perseverance, we can overcome these tough economic times together.

LOOKING BEHIND THE CURTAIN OF THE NATIONAL MEDIA

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Americans are getting a look behind the curtain of the national media, and the view isn't pretty. In recent weeks, leaked email messages from an online meeting place for reporters called JounoList have revealed some journalists' true colors.

It has come to light that in 2008 a group of journalists tried to protect then-Senator Barack Obama from a scandal that threatened his Presidential campaign, according to mes-

sages obtained by The Daily Caller. Journalists from Time, Politico, The Baltimore Sun, and The New Republic, among others, expressed outrage about questions regarding Reverend Jeremiah Wright that Senator Obama received during a debate. The journalists then collaborated to shield Senator Obama from the controversy, The Daily Caller reported.

It's no wonder a recent poll found that two-thirds of Americans say they are "angry" at the national media. The national media should give Americans the facts, not try to rig an election.

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RECOGNIZING AUTISTIC ADULTS AND ENCOURAGING AUTISM AWARENESS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in solidarity with families throughout my community in south Florida who have an autistic adult. There are many challenges faced by families with autistic adults. Regardless of any challenge, however, families are often the strongest support unit that an autistic adult will ever know.

Autism impairs social interactions and communication skills with others. Parents of autistic children always worry about the difficult transition into adulthood. While some autistic children will grow up to function in society, others will need some level of professional help throughout their lives.

As anyone with an autistic family member knows, early detection can make a positive difference in managing and understanding this serious disorder. We must continue to encourage autism awareness and make every effort to fight this devastating disorder by finding a cure through better research.

HONORING NEW YORK STATE SENATOR THOMAS P. MORAHAN

(Mr. ENGEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the death of a good friend of mine, Senator Thomas P. Morahan of Rockland and Orange Counties in New York.

Senator Morahan and I served together in the New York State Assembly back in 1980. He was elected to the State senate in a special election in 1999. He is well-known as someone who really cares and cared about people. As a Republican, and obviously I am a Democrat, he and I reached across the aisle many, many times to work very hard on legislation that was important to the constituents whom we served.

I have been pleased for many years to call Tom a friend. At the church on

Saturday at his mass, there was an outpouring of people from the community and community leaders and political leaders, government leaders to show the affection that we all felt for Tom.

Tom did wonderful work with veterans and mental health and people with disabilities, made the lives of countless New Yorkers better. If there's one or two words with which I can describe Tom Morahan, it would just be a wonderful, wonderful friend, a wonderful gentleman, a good friend, and we will certainly miss him.

He was the kind of person that is the epitome of what public service should be, and I want to pay tribute to my good friend, Senator Thomas Morahan. May he rest in peace.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

MOMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, each year over 4 million women give birth in the United States. Their care and that of their babies is a leading cause of hospitalization in this country and a major factor in our Nation's escalating health care costs. Yet, in spite of the fact we spend more than any country in the world on maternity care and more on mother and baby fees for childbirth than other types of hospital care, the United States ranks far behind nearly all developed countries in perinatal outcomes, and childbirth continues to present significant risks for mothers and babies, particularly in communities of color.

There are many factors that contribute to these poor outcomes and high costs. The most disturbing is that our current health system fails to follow the vast body of research on the best evidence-based practices in maternity care. The result is a widespread overuse of expensive maternity practices, such as Cesarean sections and scheduled inductions, which only in limited situations are needed and beneficial. When used routinely and without medical necessity, these and other practices expose women and infants to unnecessary risk and are a major factor in pregnancy and delivery being our most costly Medicaid expenditure.

Credible research tells us noninvasive, cost-effective, evidence-based maternity practices which result in safer and healthier outcomes for mother and baby are significantly underused in our country.

To address these concerns, I am introducing the Maximizing Optimal Maternity Services for the 21st Century